

LEBANON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD

Lebanon, Indiana

April 8, 2026

Council Chambers

5:00 P.M.

Board:

Bill Stoner, Vice Chairman
Tim Hudson, Secretary
Aaron Smith, Member
Anne Patterson, Member (Absent)

Staff:

Ed Basquill, General Manager
Jeff Jacob, Legal
Sandra Morgan, CFO
David Bailey, Acting Electric Ops. Manager
Danielle Bannourah, Exec Assistant
Ryan Ottinger, W & WW Ops Manager
Spencer Portish, W & WW Project Manager
Sam Messenger, Electric Project Manager
Jeff McNew, Electric Line Foreman

Staff & Guests:

Bob Holden, Wessler
Scott Huber, Reynolds Constr.
John Lightner, BF&S
Eric Radez, Resident
Becky Robinson, Resident
Sarah Phillips, Resident
Megan Anderson, Resident
Sarah Goss, Resident
Jack Bennett, Resident
Dawn Finch, Resident
Lisa Grabeil, Resident

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1. Secretary Hudson called the April 8, 2026, meeting of the Lebanon Utility Service Board to order at 5:00 P.M.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.
 3. Vice Chairman Stoner opened the floor for public comment. Eric Radez, Resident stated that he objects to the Wholesale Water Supply Phase 2 BOT that is on tonight's agenda. Mr. Radez mentioned a letter sent from 21 members of the Indianapolis City Council to the City of Lebanon, Lebanon Utilities, Citizens, etc. regarding their concerns about LEAP's use of Eagle Creek Reservoir for clean water and wastewater. Becky Robinson, Resident stated her concerns about the wastewater being dumped into Eagle Creek. Ms. Robinson stated that Senate Bill 277 lowers the regulations for clean water. Sarah Phillips, Resident stated that she would like to see a partnership with the City of Indianapolis as a neighbor of the City of Lebanon. Ms. Phillips would like to know the officials that helps in this project and plan. Megan Anderson, Resident would like clarification for the plans to expand the LEAP site. Ms. Anderson would like to have public dialogue about any potential changes to discharge.
David Bailey, Acting Electric Operations Manager, Jeff McNew, Electric Line Foreman would like to formally welcome back Sam Messenger as our Electric Operations Project Manager and Safety Coordinator.
 4. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve March 4, 2026, minutes. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 5. Vice Chairman Stoner welcomed Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater to the podium to introduce John Lightner, BF&S to present the Wholesale Water Phase 2 BOT Program presentation. Member Smith made a motion to open the Wholesale Water Phase 2 BOT Program Public Hearing. Secretary Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Stoner opened the floor to public comment. Megan Anderson, Resident concerned about the documents she reviewed. Ms. Anderson stated that the public had to come into the office to receive the document. Ms. Anderson would like some kind of tracking changes to the PER so that the public can see what is being changed. Ms. Anderson asked if all the property needed for the project phase 2 has been annexed. Ms. Anderson stated she is concerned about the fire suppression for that area for current and future tenants. Eric Radez, Resident stated that he objects to the Wholesale Water Supply Program Phase 2 BOT. Sarah Goss, Resident stated she is

concerned about the document availability for the public and would like clear revision log regarding the changes. Ms. Goss stated that when we look as corridor impacts, project cost narrative changes the public should not have to compare the documents. Ms. Goss requested the record tonight, the exact PER revision date and file, that is the official basis for the this recommendation, the controlling map for phase 2 routing and interconnection and a clear revision log of what has been changed. Jack Bennett, Resident stated he opposes this project. He would like this to be held until the environmental studies have been completed. Dawn Fitch, Resident stated that Eagle Creek is very important to the people of the community as well as the wild life in the area. She would like the environmental studies completed and shared with the public. Lisa Grabiell, Resident would like the document to become more easily available to the public. Vice Chairman Stoner asked the board for any Board discussion. Secretary Hudson stated that this is a familiar process we go through with most of our capital projects, where we ask contractors to propose to us and then have a committee review and recommend it to the Board. Member Smith would like staff to consider posting documents online for public benefit. Member Smith made a motion to close the Wholesale Water Phase 2 BOT Program Public Hearing. Secretary Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the Wholesale Water Supply Program Phase 2 Recommendation. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Scoring Committee to tentatively select Reynolds Construction as the Developer for Phase 2 of the Wholesale Water Supply Program. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel, requested the Board approve the Hickory Junction Lift Station Land Acquisition. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 Requesting the Delegation of Eminent Domain Powers from The Common Council of The Lebanon City Council related to the Hickory Junction Project. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel asked the Board to approve the Wholesale Water Main, Phase I Land Acquisition. Secretary Hudson made a motion to authorize the General Manager to proceed with the necessary land acquisition offers for the Wholesale Watermain Project Phase I related to Cause Numbers 06C01-2505-PL-000976 and 06C01-2505-PL-000983; and from the Connie Batts Trust. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager asked the Board to approve the In-Pipe FOG Trail. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve the In-Pipe Technology to perform the FOG Monitoring & Mitigation Trial for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager asked the Board to approve 120 Water EBR Renewal 2026. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve the renewal of the Lead Service Inventory Program with 120 Water for a not to exceed amount of \$37,750.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager asked the Board to approve USG Water Tower Maintenance. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve the 5-year agreement with Utility Service Co., subject to annual approve by the Lebanon Utility Service Board and in a 5-year not to exceed amount of \$12,625.00 for the Chicago St. Tank; and in a 5-year not to exceed amount of \$12,700.00 for the Elm St. Tank. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
12. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager updated the Board about several projects happening for the Water and Wastewater Departments for Lebanon.

13. Member Smith made a motion to approve the claims/payroll/transfers dated April 8, 2026, in the amount of \$26,268,041.29 for claims and payroll and \$70,790.00 for transfers. Secretary Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
14. Vice Chairman Stoner asked for any other business to be brought before the Board. No other business.
15. Vice Chairman Stoner opened the floor for public comment. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager mentioned that there is another Open Office Hours to discuss Water & Wastewater Projects happen tomorrow 2:30-4:30pm at Lebanon Utilities Municipal Building.
16. The next Utility Board meeting will meet as scheduled on Wednesday April 22, 2026, at 5:00pm.
17. Hearing no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Secretary Hudson. The motion was seconded by Member Smith. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM

APPROVED THIS 22nd day OF APRIL 2026

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD